

CLEBURNE COUNTY QUORUM COURT JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS

February 24, 2021

The Cleburne County Quorum Court met in regular session in the County Court Building, 922 South 9th Street, Heber Springs, Arkansas. The meeting was called to order at 6:01 p.m. County Judge Jerry Holmes presided. PRESENT: Pearson, Henegar, Caldwell, Blackburn, Malone, Evans, Martin, Foust, Tamburo, Roberts, Owens.

READING, CORRECTION, AND DISPOSITION OF MINUTES:

Motion was made by JP Caldwell to approve the minutes of the January 7, 2021 regular meeting, seconded by JP Owens. JP Evans added a correction to the minutes. Motion was made by JP Malone to approve minutes as corrected, seconded by JP Henegar. Voice vote, motion carried.

REPORT OF TREASURER:

Motion was made by JP Malone to accept the Treasurer's report, seconded by JP Roberts. Voice vote, motion carried.

REPORT OF COMMITTEES:

Jail Committee: JP Evans reported he has contacted Benchmark and they have completed some drawings. There is to be a meeting scheduled to go over the actual drawings.

Ambulance Committee: JP Foust reported there have been meetings to try to figure out the best options to handle the ambulance situation. Another meeting is to be scheduled. A very lengthy discussion, including questions and replies from the court and public, was held concerning different options.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Proposed Ordinance No. 2021- Establishing Number of Members of Budget Committee

JP Malone place an Ordinance on a second reading: **BE IT ENACTED BY THE QUORUM COURT OF THE COUNTY OF CLEBURNE, STATE OF ARKANSAS; AN ORDINANCE TO BE ENTITLED: "AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE NUMBER OF QUORUM COURT MEMBERS ASSIGNED TO THE BUDGET COMMITTEE"**.

JP Malone read the Ordinance. Proposed Ordinance will be placed on the March Agenda for third reading.

NEW BUSINESS:

Proposed Ordinance No. 2021-Courthouse Restoration Grant for Exterior Improvements

JP Roberts introduced an Ordinance: **BE IT ENACTED BY THE QUORUM COURT OF THE COUNTY OF CLEBURNE, STATE OF ARKANSAS; AN ORDINANCE TO BE ENTITLED: "AN APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 2020-032, WHICH ADOPTED THE BUDGET FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2021 AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"**.

JP Roberts made a motion to adopt the Ordinance, seconded by JP Pearson. Discussion followed. JP Malone made a motion to adopt the Ordinance with the following amendment: **Section 1-** "The following appropriation is hereby approved subject to receiving the above grant", seconded by JP Foust. Discussion followed. JP Malone called for the question to vote on Ordinance as amended. Roll call was taken. Ayes: Blackburn, Caldwell, Evans, Foust, Henegar, Malone, Martin, Owens, Pearson, Roberts, Tamburo. Nays: None.

Passed and adopted as Ordinance 2021-004.

Proposed Ordinance No. 2021-Ordinance Clarifying County Zoning Regulations

JP Foust introduced an Ordinance: **BE IT ENACTED BY THE QUORUM COURT OF THE COUNTY OF CLEBURNE, STATE OF ARKANSAS; AN ORDINANCE TO BE ENTITLED: "AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING ZONING REGULATIONS OF CLEBURNE COUNTY"**.

JP Foust made a motion to suspend the rules and place the Ordinance on the second reading by title only, seconded by JP Owens. Roll call was taken. Ayes: Blackburn, Caldwell, Evans, Foust, Henegar, Malone, Martin, Owens, Pearson, Roberts, Tamburo. Nays: None. JP Foust read the Ordinance by title only. JP Foust made a motion to suspend the rules and place the Ordinance on the third and final reading by title only, seconded by JP Malone. Roll call was taken. Ayes: Blackburn, Caldwell, Evans, Foust, Henegar, Malone, Martin, Owens,

Pearson, Roberts, Tamburo. Nays: None. JP Foust read the Ordinance by title only. JP Foust made a motion to adopt the Ordinance, seconded by JP Pearson. Discussion followed concerning the twenty-five (25) feet addressed in Section 3 of proposed Ordinance. JP Henegar made a motion to adopt Ordinance with the following amendment: **Section 3**-"Any construction within a Cleburne County Road right of way requires written permission from the Cleburne County Judge.", seconded by JP Pearson. Roll call was taken. Ayes: Blackburn, Caldwell, Evans, Foust, Henegar, Malone, Martin, Owens, Pearson, Roberts, Tamburo. Nays: None
Passed and adopted as Ordinance 2021-005.

Quorum Court recessed at 7:47 p.m.

Quorum Court reconvened at 7:53 p.m.

Proposed Ordinance No. 2021-Bill of Rights Sanctuary for Cleburne County

JP Blackburn placed Ordinance on the First Reading: **BE IT ENACTED BY THE QUORUM COURT OF THE COUNTY OF CLEBURNE, STATE OF ARKANSAS; AND ORDINANCE TO BE ENTITLED: "BILL OF RIGHTS SANCTUARY FOR CLEBURNE COUNTY"**.

JP Blackburn read the Ordinance. JP Foust made a motion to suspend the rules and place the Ordinance on the second reading by title only, seconded by JP Henegar. Roll call was taken. Ayes: Caldwell, Foust, Henegar, Owens, Pearson, Roberts. Nays: Blackburn, Evans, Malone, Martin, Tamburo. Motion to suspend the rules failed to meet the two-thirds required vote so motion failed. Proposed Ordinance will be placed on the March Agenda for second reading.

Proposed Ordinance No. 2021-Juvenile Officer Grant

JP Evans introduced an Ordinance: **BE IT ENACTED BY THE QUORUM COURT OF THE COUNTY OF CLEBURNE, STATE OF ARKANSAS; AN ORDINANCE TO BE ENTITLED: "AN APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 2020-032, WHICH ADOPTED THE BUDGET FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2020 AND/OR OTHER PURPOSES TO AMEND THE JUVENILE OFFICER GRANT BUDGET"**.

JP Evans made a motion to adopt the Ordinance, seconded by JP Blackburn. Discussion followed. Roll call was taken. Ayes: Blackburn, Caldwell, Evans, Foust, Henegar, Malone, Martin, Owens, Pearson, Roberts, Tamburo. Nays: None.

Passed and adopted as Ordinance 2021-006.

Proposed Ordinance No. 2021-Covid Sick Leave Extension

JP Caldwell introduced an Ordinance: **BE IT ENACTED BY THE QUORUM COURT OF THE COUNTY OF CLEBURNE, STATE OF ARKANSAS; AN ORDINANCE TO BE ENTITLED: "AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE TO ADDRESS LEAVE POLICIES IN TIMES OF A PUBLIC-HEALTH EMERGENCY DECLARED BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS"**.

JP Caldwell made a motion to suspend the rules and place the Ordinance on the second reading by title only, seconded by JP Roberts. Roll call was taken. Ayes: Caldwell, Evans, Foust, Henegar, Malone, Martin, Owens, Pearson, Roberts, Tamburo. Nays: Blackburn. JP Caldwell read the Ordinance by title only. JP Caldwell made a motion to suspend the rules and place the Ordinance on the third and final reading by title only, seconded by JP Owens. Roll call was taken. Ayes: Caldwell, Evans, Foust, Henegar, Malone, Martin, Owens, Pearson, Roberts, Tamburo. Nays: Blackburn. JP Caldwell read the Ordinance by title only. JP Caldwell made a motion to adopt the Ordinance, seconded by JP Roberts. Discussion followed. JP Caldwell made a motion to adopt the Ordinance with the following amendment: **"Section 4**-"Employees who qualify for paid administrative leave under Section 2 above, may be paid the number of quarantine hours recommended by either:", seconded by JP Malone. Roll call was taken. Ayes: Blackburn, Caldwell, Evans, Foust, Malone, Martin, Owens, Pearson, Roberts, Tamburo. Nays: Pearson. JP Caldwell made a motion to adopt the Emergency Clause, seconded by JP Owens. Roll call was taken. Ayes: Blackburn, Caldwell, Evans, Foust, Henegar, Malone, Martin, Owens, Pearson, Roberts, Tamburo. Nays: None

Passed and adopted as Ordinance 2021-007.

Proposed Ordinance No. 2021-Blue & You Foundation Annex Building Grant

JP Malone introduced an Ordinance: **BE IT ENACTED BY THE QUORUM COURT OF THE COUNTY OF CLEBURNE, STATE OF ARKANSAS; AN ORDINANCE TO BE ENTITLED: "AN APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 2020-032, WHICH ADOPTED THE BUDGET FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2020 AND/OR OTHER PURPOSES"**.

JP Malone made a motion to adopt the Ordinance, seconded by JP Martin. Discussion followed. Roll call was taken. Ayes: Blackburn, Caldwell, Evans, Foust, Henegar, Malone, Martin, Owens, Pearson, Roberts, Tamburo. Nays: None.

Passed and adopted as Ordinance 2021-008.

Judge Holmes reported the Cleburne County Conservation wanted to extend appreciation to the Quorum Court for what the Court does for them. JP Henegar added that he has been in contact with the Cleburne County Conservation to discuss hog eradication, and since the County assists with the beaver bounty he may come back to the Quorum Court to help with hog eradication if the Conservation will take it on.

Judge Holmes informed the Court that the County is in the process of obtaining a five (5) year lease agreement with Caterpillar for another grader.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- The next regular Quorum Court meeting will be held Thursday, March 11, 2021.

ADJOURNMENT:

JP Caldwell made motion to adjourn, seconded by JP Henegar. Meeting adjourned at 8:41 p.m.

ATTESTED:



Rachelle Evans, Cleburne County Clerk

This 11th day of March 2021

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CLEBURNE COUNTY CLERK